## DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND CONSERVATION

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## Initial Proposal Small 6 Timber Permit 1/27/2020

The Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation, Missoula Unit is proposing to harvest timber on the following state owned parcel:

## Section 14 T15N R22W

This section is located approximately 5 air miles northwest of Frenchtown, Montana in the Sixmile Creek drainage in Missoula County.

The primary objectives of the proposed project are:

- Remove Douglas-fir that are suppressed and/or contain insects, disease or poor form and vigor.
- Reduce overstory fuel loading.
- Promote seral species.
- Generate revenue for the Montana State University.

The proposal would harvest approximately 0.3 million board feet from up to 65 acres using a sanitation harvest prescription. The proposed harvest would contribute to the DNRC's sustained yield as mandated by state statute 77-5-222 MCA.

Temporary road construction would be needed to access the project area and keep slash piles and log landings off of the County road.

The DNRC is in the scoping phase of the project environmental assessment so all volumes, acreages and road distances are preliminary estimates. In preparation for this project, specialists such as wildlife biologists, hydrologists, soil scientists, and archeologists will be consulted.

The Montana DNRC invites written comments and suggestions concerning this proposal. Please respond by February 25, 2020 to:

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